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Authenticity...

True to Self?

True to Ideals?

True to the World?

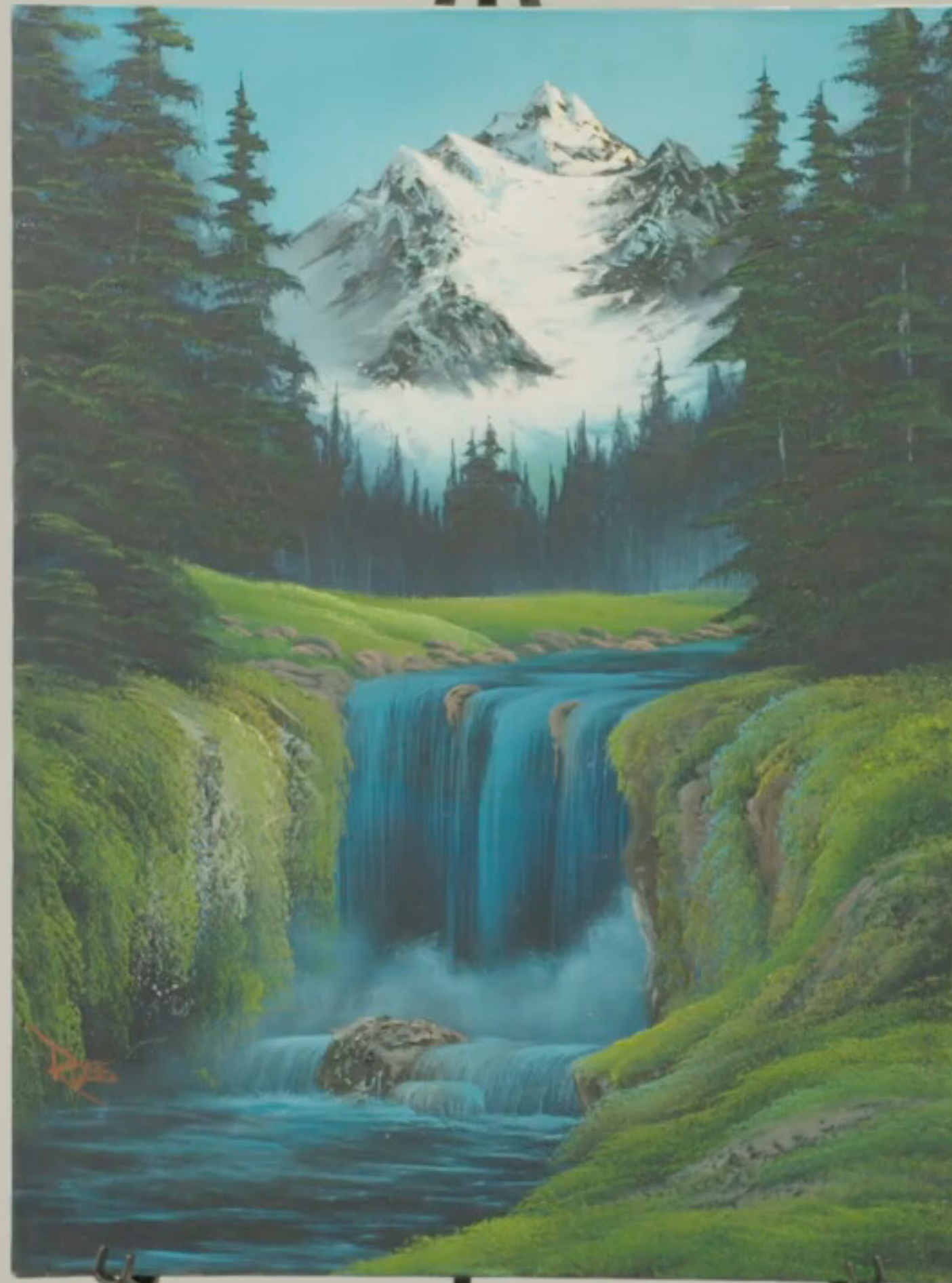
THE PARADOX

Sometimes just being yourself
is the **wrong** thing to do.

BEFORE

AFTER

DURING



Which is the real Bob Ross painting?







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Something is **AUTHENTIC** when
the **ARTIST** has **TOUCHED** it.

**Yet you, LORD, are our Father. We
are the clay, you are the potter; we
are all the work of your hand.**

Isaiah 64:8 NIV

Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.”

So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

God blessed them and said to them,
“Be fruitful and increase in number;
fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over
the fish in the sea and the birds in the
sky and over every living creature
that moves on the ground.”

Genesis 1:26-28 NIV

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The Greek word for "image" is
εἰκὼν or "ICON."



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**...for all have sinned and fall short
of the glory of God...**

Romans 3:23 NIV

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See an authentic
picture of **JESUS**.

The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him.

He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.

For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

Colossians 1:15-20 NIV

Jesus answered: “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’?

John 14:9 NIV

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Embrace the **TRUST**
of becoming.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.

For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

Hebrews 12:1-3 NIV

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose...

For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.

Romans 8:28-29 NIV

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Embrace the **MIND** of
becoming.

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.

Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Romans 12:1-2 NIV

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Embrace the **HEART** of **BEING**.

“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

John 15:5 NIV

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I am fully authentic when I am
SHAPED by my **MAKER**.

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